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## Statement on Homeless Funding Vote

*"Our best opportunity to fund the fight against homelessness failed by just one vote. The Board chose an uncertain marijuana business tax to fight homelessness, rather than a reliable 1/4 cent sales tax to put on the November ballot. The Board selected an option that would generate the least amount of money and take the longest amount of time to generate funds. There is no guarantee that voters in November will pass a measure legalizing the use of marijuana, and there are also many unresolved questions as to the impact on public health and safety on our communities-- particularly those that are most vulnerable. However, I remain committed to securing the funds needed to address the homeless crisis in L.A County."*

- Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas